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SUBJECT: CASTRO VISIT TO GEORGETOWN

REF: GEORGETOWN 1261

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER BATES TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT DURING DISCUSSIONS YESTERDAY AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, HE WAS TOLD THAT CASTRO SCHEDULE SLIGHTLY REVISED. HE NOW EXPECTED ARRIVE GEORGETOWN AT 5 PM LOCAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 (NOT SEPT 3 AS INDICATED TO ME BY FOREIGN MINISTER RAMPHAL) AND DEPART AT 12:00 NOON, MONDAY, SEPT 3. LARGE RECEPTION PLANNED FOR SUNDAY WITH WREATH LAYING AT NON-ALIGNED MONUMENT MONDAY MORNING. "CONVERSATIONS" RATHER THAN ORGANIZED TALKS CONTEMPLATED BY GOG DURING VISIT. BATES LED TO BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION IN SCHEDULING ON PART OF CUBANS DUE TO
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RUMANIAN STATE VISIT.

2. BATES WAS TOLD CASTRO EVIDENTLY PLANNING SPEND A FEW HOURS IN KINGSTON EN ROUTE TO GEORGETOWN AND EXPECTS SEE MANLEY. FOREIGN MINISTRY HERE APPARENTLY THINKS IT UNLIKELY THAT MANLEY WILL ACCEPT INVITATION ACCOMPANY CASTRO TO ALGIERS.

3. FROM GEORGETOWN, AS PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED ACCOMPANIED BY PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM, CASTRO'S IL-18 WILL PUT DOWN AT PORT OF SPAIN. ACCORDING FOREIGN MINISTRY, CASTRO PLANNING FOUR HOUR STOP IN TRINIDAD DURING WHICH TIME IT ASSUMED HE WILL CALL ON WILLIAMS. PARTY WILL THEN DEPART FOR ALGIERS ABOARD PRE-POSITIONED IL-62, POSSIBLY WITH TRINIDADIAN DELEGATION, WHICH WILL BE INVITED TO ACCOMPANY. CUBAN IL-18 WHICH BROUGHT CUBAN SECURITY MEN TO GEORGETOWN ON WEDNESDAY DEPARTED YESTERDAY FOR PORT OF SPAIN CARRYING GROUP WHICH IT IS ASSUMED WILL MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR CASTRO ARRIVAL TRINIDAD. SOME CUBAN SECURITY MEN BELIEVED TO HAVE REMAINED HERE.

4. "POSSIBILITY" THAT CASTRO MIGHT COME TO GUYANA ADMITTED YESTERDAY BY FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN AND STORY CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS.

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